

Statement on Governor Spitzer's Drivers License Proposal

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Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) issued the following statement regarding New York Governor Eliot Spitzer's proposal to allow illegal immigrants in New York to obtain drivers licenses.

"I do not support Governor Spitzer's proposal and I oppose allowing illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses. I'm concerned that making licenses available to illegal immigrants could present security risks, make New York a magnet state for illegal immigrants by creating an incentive for more undocumented individuals to come to New York, and that the proposal would create a bureaucratic, confusing system for government security, private security, the public, and financial institutions. The problems that North Carolina and Tennessee have had in implementing similar systems also make me skeptical that this plan is right for New York."

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